

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001

## Kodiak Star launch rescheduled NET Sept. 27 due to solar flare activity



## KSC to highlight Disability Employment Awareness Month with speaker Oct. 12



▲ **Kodiak Star Update:** The launch of Kodiak Star for NASA and the Department of Defense on a Lockheed Martin Athena I vehicle was postponed Tuesday for an additional 48 hours. The effects of Monday morning's solar flare continued to increase in intensity

throughout the day. Space weather experts believe that based on historical data for a solar flare of this magnitude, it would require approximately 3.5 days after the solar flare reaches its peak before the level of "proton flux" would decrease to allowable launch criteria for the Athena I. Based on this information, launch is now planned for no earlier than Thursday, Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m. ADT (9:30 p.m. EDT). For images, data and information on the solar flare, the following web sites are suggested:

- ◆ <http://www.spaceweather.com>
- ◆ <http://www.sec.noaa.gov/today.html>
- ◆ <http://sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov>

▲ **October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month** -- Designated to highlight the abilities and skills of Americans with disabilities, the theme year of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is "Win With Ability," which emphasizes persons with disabilities as a part of the non-traditional, skilled labor pool who can meet the needs of today's employers for a competent and creative workforce. The KSC Disability Awareness and Action Working Group (DAAWG) invites you to share in this year's recognition by participating in an informative and entertaining presentation by **Alex Valdez**, a nationally recognized comedian and motivational

speaker. Valdez has been blind since early childhood and had to overcome many trials growing up as a blind child in a tough neighborhood. His message, combined with his humor, inspires audiences to appreciate people who vary in terms of age, ability, language and culture. The presentation is being held **Oct. 12, at 1:30 p.m.**, in the **KSC Training Auditorium** -- be prepared for an exceptional experience of education, motivation, information and entertainment!

◆ **Oct. 1-5 is National Customer Service Week**, a national event devoted to recognizing the importance of customer service. KSC plans a kickoff on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 9 a.m. in the Training Auditorium. Larry Sutton, North American Manager for Corning, Inc., will share his expertise to pioneer technology and processes that set Corning apart from its competitors. For more information, contact Delores Abraham at 867-9276.



◆ **STS-105 Crew Return** -- Members of the STS-105 crew will be at KSC Monday, **Oct. 1**, to speak with employees about their recent mission, which brought the third resident crew to the International Space Station and installed the Early Ammonia Servicer during a spacewalk. Two presentations will be held, from 11 a.m. to noon. in the **LCC**, conference room 1R29, for LC39 Area employees, and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the **KSC Training Auditorium**.

◆ **Did You Know?** Super Safety & Health Day, planned for Oct. 17, has been postponed indefinitely.★

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